SENATE BILL REPORT SHB 2871

As Reported By Senate Committee On: Health & Long-Term Care, February 25, 2004

Title: An act relating to measuring the performance of the HIV/AIDS service delivery system.

Brief Description: Requiring measuring the performance of the HIV/AIDS service delivery system.

Sponsors: House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Darneille, Campbell, Cody, Miloscia, Moeller, Wallace, Schual-Berke, Skinner, Murray, Upthegrove and Santos).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long-Term Care: 2/25/04 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Deccio, Chair; Winsley, Vice Chair; Brandland, Franklin, Keiser, Parlette and Thibaudeau.

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Background: The Department of Health provides for regional service networks that address prevention and treatment issues related to HIV/AIDS. Services provided through regional AIDS service networks include testing, counseling, education, intervention strategies to reduce the incidence of HIV infection among high-risk groups, community outreach, case management, and coordinated, community-based services.

Summary of Bill: The department will use recommendations from the federal government and state and local planning bodies to determine best practices for the HIV-related activities provided through the regional AIDS service networks. The department will establish performance indicators to assess progress and report its conclusions to the appropriate committees of the Senate and House of Representatives by December 31, 2004.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Integrating best practices and performance measures into the work of the AIDS service networks will improve our efforts to reduce HIV infection rates in our communities.

Testimony Against: None.

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Testified: PRO: Representative Darneille, prime sponsor; Ross Baker, Lifelong AIDS Alliance; John Peppert, DOH.